



State of New York

Executive Chamber

No. 5.18

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Continuing the Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Related to the Disaster Emergency in the Counties of the Bronx, Kings, New York, Richmond and Queens Due to Conditions at Rikers Island Correctional Center

WHEREAS, the Rikers Island Correctional Center has been facing a severe staffing shortage in recent months and this is expected to continue;

WHEREAS, the conditions in the facilities are expected to continue to create an unsafe, life-threatening environment for both the inmates and the staff;

WHEREAS, a federal monitor appointed to oversee the Correctional Center reported a "pervasive level of disorder and chaos," in the facilities in its Eleventh Report of the *Nunez* Independent Monitor;

WHEREAS, there is a need to facilitate the use of virtual court appearances to expedite proceedings and to reallocate corrections department staff from transportation and production of defendants to housing supervision and safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATHY HOCHUL, Governor of the State of New York, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of New York and Section 28 of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, do hereby extend the state disaster emergency as set forth in Executive Order 5, as continued by Executive Order 5.17, and do hereby continue the terms, conditions, and suspensions contained in Executive Order 5 and its successors, until March 31, 2023.



GIVEN under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
in the City of Albany this first day of March in
the year two thousand twenty-three.

Kathy Hochul

BY THE GOVERNOR

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor